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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" Are not all persons who are called for the post-graduate course usually past 40 years."

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I don't think that all of them are past 40 years."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" I want an answer to my question whether the Government cannot abolish the examination to which Veterinary Subordinates are subjected to."

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The answer is there, Sir."

## Excise

*Location of liquor shops in Esplanade.*

* 1471 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that there is a toddy shop, a beer shop and an English liquor shop in Nyniappa Naicken street in the Esplanade division of the city of Madras ;

(*b*) what is the distance between these shops on the one hand and the Annadana Samajam, the Ettiyappanaicken Primary School, the Willingdon Reading Room, the Memorial Hall, the Sambada Pillayarkoil, Kandaswami-koil and Vasanthamantapam and temple, respectively, on the other ;

(*c*) whether they made any enquiries as to whether the location of these shops in the midst of public institutions is not objectionable ;

(*d*) whether the residents of the locality are addicted to liquor ; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any objection to remove these shops to a less objectionable locality ?

*A.*—(*a*) There are a foreign liquor tavern and a toddy shop at the southern end of the street.

(*b*) The distances between these shops and the places specified in the question are given below :—

| | Yards. |
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| Annadana Samaj ... ... ... | 40 |
| Ettiyappa Naicker's Primary school ... ... | 20 |
| The Willingdon Reading Room ... ... | 33 |
| Memorial Hall (Proper) ... ... ... | 120 |
| Sembada Pillayarkoil ... ... ... ... | 108 |
| Kandaswami temple ... ... ... ... | 250 |
| Vasantha Mantapam ... ... ... ... | 180 |

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The shops cater for the needs of some of the residents of the locality.

(*e*) The Excise Licensing Board for the City of Madras recently decided to make no change in the location of the foreign liquor tavern. The Collector of Madras has been asked to investigate, in consultation with the Excise Licencing Board one of whose duties is to advise on such matters, the question whether the toddy shop should be removed from its present site.